[Translation]

Housing facilities to workers of Nationalised Cotton Textile Mills in Gujarat

4208. SHRI RAM BADAN : *Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :*

(a) whether the facilities like accommodation, water and electricity are provided to the workers of all the nationalised cotton textile mills in Gujarat;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the names of the cotton textile mills in which such facilities have been provided to the workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Limited facilities of accommodation, water and electricity are available in seven textile mills run by National Textile Corporation, located in Gujarat.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The names of mills run by the NTC, where such facilities have been provided are given below :—

1. Ahmedabad Jupiter Mills, Ahmedabad.
2. Jehangir Textile Mills, Ahmedabad.
3. Rajnagar Textile Mills No. 1, Ahmedabad.
4. Rajnagar Textile mills No. 2, Ahmedabad.
5. Ahmedabad New Textile Mills, Ahmedabad.
6. Petlad Textile Mills, Petlad.
7. Himadri Textile Mills, Ahmedabad.

Closure of Nationalised Cotton Mills in Gujarat

4209. SHRI RAM BADAN : Will *the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased* to state :

(a) whether some of the cotton mills in Gujarat which were nationalised during the last few years are lying closed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the names and locations of such closed mills in the State; and

(c) the details of the profit and loss of these mills during 1988-89 and 1989-90 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) None of the textile mills run by National Textile Corporation, handed over to them by the Central Government, was closed during the last few years.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export of Diamonds

4210. SHRI RAM BADAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a continuous decline in the export of diamonds;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to encourage diamond industry in Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the export of diamonds during the years 1987 and 1988, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) :

(a) No, Sir. In the last few years, diamond exports grew continuously till 1989-90. Only in 1990-91 did exports decline.

(b) The decline of exports in 1990-91 arose because of recessionary conditions in foreign markets leading to slackness of demand.

(c) and (d) The Government has taken measures to facilitate availability of raw materials for the diamond industry. The depreciation in the value of the rupee is also expected to contribute towards increasing exports.

(e) according to the Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council, the exports of cut and polished diamonds during the calender years 1987 and 1988 were as follows :—

Year	Rs. in Crores
1987	2256.72
1988	3648.97

Maintenance of National Highway passing through Azamgarh and Allahabad

4211. SHRI RAM BADAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Highway between Mohammadpur of Azamgarh district and Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh is in a very poor condition;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for the repairs and development of this Highway;

(c) whether the Government propose to widen the aforesaid sector of the National Highway; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) The Central Government is primarily concerned with roads declared as National Highways only. The road from Mohammadpur to Allahabad is not a National Highway but forms a part of the State Road network. As such the Government of Uttar Pradesh is essentially responsible for its development and maintenance.

[English]

World Bank Report on Indian Banking System

4212. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the world Bank has carried out a study of the Indian Banking system;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the recommendations made by the World Bank;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action on these recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (d) The World Bank report dated 26th June, 1990 on the Financial Sector of India has analysed *inter alia* the performance of the Indian banking system. The main recommendations in the report relate to lowering of reserve requirements, reduction in priority sector lending and interest rate liberalisation. Government has set up a High Level Committee under